

# GROVE GAZETTE

"Best Climate on Earth"

Municipal Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Lemon Grove, California

**BIG PLANS IN 2015** 

**JUNE 2015** 

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# City Council Priorities for the Upcoming Year

ach year, the Lemon Grove City Council conducts a priority setting workshop. During this special meeting, the City Council discusses the accomplishments from the past year and addresses priorities for the upcoming year. As a result of public discussions on February 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup>, the City Council developed six priorities for 2015.

### Significant priorities that will receive attention in 2015:

Economic Development, City Appearance, Infrastructure, Public Safety,
General Plan, and
Recreational Opportunities.

**Economic Development** – economic development continues to be a priority for the City. In 2015, the City Council wishes to continue working with regional economic development partners such as the East County Chamber of Commerce and the East County Economic Development Council on business attraction and support and identify niche businesses for the City's heavy commercial/industrial areas.

**City Appearance** – the visual image of the City is important. Enhancing the City's appearance can be expensive in resources and time. As such, in 2015, the City Council will focus on implementing a plan to address graffiti, illegal dumping, littering, and abandoned shopping carts. It will also work with the business community regarding design standards in the commercial corridors.

Infrastructure – over the past few years, the City has competed for and has been awarded several significant infrastructure related grants. In 2015, the City Council wishes to complete some of the ongoing large capital projects (Lemon Grove Avenue Realignment Project, Connect Main Street, etc.), and create a more user friendly Capital Improvement Program document and website to keep residents updated on projects.

**Public Safety** – in 2014, the City Council formed a Public Safety Focus Group. One of the ideas that came from the Focus Group was the need to promote a "crime free multi-housing" program with apartment complex managers. In 2015, the City will work with property owners to consider implementing this program. For more information about crime free multi-housing, see the article on page 4.

**General Plan Update** – with the City's General Plan nearing its twentieth anniversary since its last update, the City Council will discuss upcoming steps necessary to update the General Plan, including the formation of a General Plan Advisory Group.

**Recreation Opportunities** – during the Great Recession, the City reduced several of its recreation programs while contracting out others. In 2015, the City Council will form a Focus Group to explore potential recreational opportunities in the City. The City Council will also consider a revised joint use agreement with the Lemon Grove School District to allow the fields and courts behind the Recreation Center to be open to the general public during non-school hours.

# **Summer Day Camp**

# **NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!**

REGISTER FOR SUMMER DAY CAMP NOW Camp starts 6/11 and runs through 8/15.

**SPECIAL OFFER:** Register for all 9 weeks in advance and receive one week free! To take advantage of this special offer, call (619) 825-3815 to register by the telephone by calling (619) 825-3815 or visit City Hall at 3232 Main Street, Monday through Thursday, 7:00am — 6:00pm.





RATES

- \$95 / Weekly Rate
   (\$10 Sibling Discount)
- \$80 / 3 Day Rate
- \$35 / Single Day Rate
- \*\$25 Discount for

referral of new camper

### Session Dates & Special Events

\*\* Special Events will happen on Wednesdays each week

Week I 6/11-6/20

Week 2 6/22-6/26

Week 3 6/29-7/3

Week 5 7/13-7/17

Week 6 7/20-7/24

Week 7 7/27-7/31

Week 8 8/3-8/7

Week 9 8/10-8/14

Welcome Week

San Diego Zoo

Aquatica

Coronado Ferry

Slip-N-Slide

Padres Game

**SDSU Swimming** 

Aquatica

**End of Camp** 

June 11-August 14, 2015 6:30am-6:00pm Daily

What We Strive For

Safety, sportsmanship, teamwork and fun are the goals of all our Youth Activities. Our staff will be working to instill this philosophy in all participants. We ask all parents to encourage and support their children with this philosophy in mind.

Designed for 1st-8th Graders

School Lunch will be provided for weeks 2-8















For more information about our Day Camp or to Register,

visit www.lemongrove.ca.gov

\*Discount for new camper referrals must be applied for in person at

City Hall (3232 Main Street)

Lemon Grove Recreation Center 3131 School Lane 619-825-3815

# **Community Events**

# LEMON GROVE CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2015

# BERRY ST PARK, 7741 Mount Vernon Street

FREE summer concerts! Bring your own picnic basket or have a BBQ while listening to the sweet sounds of summer. Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs. The Summer line-up of bands is sure to entertain the family. For safety, please remember—pets must be on a leash.



# Save These Thursday Evenings!

- July 9, 2015
- July 16, 2015
- June 25, 2015 July 23, 2015
- July 2, 2015 July 30, 2015
  - + August 6, 2015
    - August 13, 2015

For more information about these events, contact the Community Services Division at (619) 825-3815.



This fun, **FREE** family activity is a perfect chance to relax and enjoy a special night under the stars.

-Movies begin at dusk-



Friday, July 18th ..... "Big Hero 6" Berry Street Park, 7701 Mt. Vernon Street



Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> ..... "Annie" Lemon Grove Park, 2271 Washington Street

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> ..... "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" Lemon Grove Recreation Center, 3131 School Lane



# BEWARE OF SCAMS AND SOLICITORS

he number and sophistication of scams, fraud, and attempts of identify theft are on the rise. Identity theft is someone taking your personal information like your name, Social Security number, or financial account number and using it for unlawful purpose. Scams are designed to earn your trust and steal your money. Fraud is knowingly signing a name, counterfeiting, altering or attempting to pass as true any item with the intent to defraud.

According to the 2014 Identity Fraud Report (Javelin Strategy & Research), there were 13.1 million U.S. adult victims of identity theft in 2013, or nearly one victim every two seconds. That figure represents 5.5% of U.S. adults, including over 1.6 million Californians. There is no official number of victims of scams, although there is a list of common scams on the State of California website. Visit <a href="http://www.takechargeca.ca.gov/campaigns/scams\_types.shtml">http://www.takechargeca.ca.gov/campaigns/scams\_types.shtml</a> for helpful information and resources.



Visit the Sheriff's Department website for more information and resources and helpful tips to avoid becoming a victim of scams and fraud: http://www.sdsheriff.net/financial.

The City has received reports of solicitors posing as City representatives, typically selling home improvement or energy efficiency services. <u>The City does not provide</u> such services.

If you are approached by someone selling something and representing themselves as a City employee or agent, please call the Sheriff's Department non-emergency number—(858) 565-5200.

# CRIME FREE MULTI -HOUSING PROGRAM

he City of Lemon Grove encourages all apartment complex owners and managers to participate in the City's Crime Free Multi-Housing program. This is a free program provided through the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department. Participants receive training, learn how to implement rules and policies, and receive a free property inspection that focuses on simple changes to make rental properties safer. This voluntary program aims to reduce criminal activity in and around apartment complexes. The anticipated benefits include reduced law enforcement calls for service, a more stable resident base, and reduced exposure to civil liability. Added benefits of the program include making properties safer for residents and lowering property insurance costs. Once the program is complete, the property will become certified and can be advertised as a certified Crime Free Multi-Housing property.

Over the next few months, the City will be contacting apartment complex owners to encourage their participation in this program. If you would like more information, please contact Laureen Ryan Ojeda at (619) 825-3807 or lojeda@lemongrove.ca.gov.

# BUILDING COUNTER HOURS EXTENDED

To better serve the needs of the public, the Building Department Counter hours have been extended—

NEW COUNTER HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 am.

# PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ("PACE")

here are three PACE financing programs available to Lemon Grove property owners. Each program is tailored to the individual needs of the property owner. While the City does not endorse a particular program, property owners are encouraged to determine whether there is value in participating.



The HERO program was approved by the City in September 2013. HERO is a private program that partners with local governments to make energy efficient, water efficient, and renewable energy projects more affordable for homeowners. Typical projects covered by HERO include solar photovoltaic systems, energy efficient space heating, air cooling and ventilation, cool roof systems, upgrades to windows, solar thermal water heating, weatherization, and energy efficient light fixtures.

Learn more about the HERO program by viewing their website (www.heroprogram.com) or by calling (855) HERO-411.



The Figtree program was approved by the City in November 2013. Figtree provides financing to commercial property owner to help lower their utility bills with energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation upgrades.

Learn more about the Figtree program by viewing their website (www.figtreefinancing.com) or by calling (877) 577-7373.



The Ygrene Works for California PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing program was approved by the City in May 2015. The PACE program is a tool for property owners to receive financing for energy-saving upgrades to residential and commercial buildings. Ygrene financing can be used for energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation projects. PACE programs allow property owners to repay the upfront money through their property tax bill over the course of up to 20 years, while saving on energy and water costs.

Learn more about Ygrene Works and the PACE financing program at their website (www.ygreneworks.com) or by calling (877) 819-4736.



# HEALTHY WAYS TO ENJOY SPRINGTIME PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



# Get one hour or more of physical activity every day.

Activity that makes you breathe harder, your heart pump faster and makes you stronger.

Active kids grow up to be active adults.

### Make it an hour

#### It's free and it's fun!

- Take a walk with your family,
- Play with your pet,
- Go for a hike,
- Take a bike ride (remember to wear your helmet),
- Turn on music and dance,
- Jump rope.
- · Take the stairs.
- Play tag.



### Make it easy

### Mix it!

- Try tracking the level of your physical activity by using a pedometer,
- Turn off the TV and computer, and keep them out of the bedroom,
- Choose toys and games that promote physical activity.

### Moderate vs. vigorous activity:

#### Moderate...

Activities that make you breathe harder, like hiking or dancing.

#### Vigorous...

Activities that make you sweat like running, aerobics or basketball.

# Make it a game

### Find new ways to get active

- Give your child extra playtime before or after meals as a reward for finishing homework,
- Avoid giving your child extra time in front of the screen as a reward,
- Play a game of hide and seek with your kids,
- Choose fun, seasonal activities.
- Encourage your child to try a new sport or join a team,
- Incorporate physical activity into your routine to encourage lifelong physical activity.

### Why physical activity:

- ⇒ It makes you feel good and keeps you more alert throughout the day.
- ⇒ It helps you maintain a healthy weight.
- ⇒ It makes you stronger and more energetic.
- ⇒ It make you more flexible and less prone to injury.

# SIGN-UP FOR AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATION ON CITY WEBSITE

Want to be "in the know" about what's going on in Lemon Grove?

ign up on the City's website for **E-NOTIFICATIONS—** *automatic email message notifications* for new issues of the City newsletter, City Council agendas and so much more!

- **♦ Community Events**
- ♦ Youth Activities
- **♦** Adult Sports
- **♦ City Newsletter**
- **♦ City Council Agenda**
- ♦ Community News
- ◆ Planning Commission Agenda

- **♦** Contracting Opportunities
- **♦ Press Releases**
- ♦ Job Postings

# **Instructions:**

- 1. Visit the City's website at www.lemongrove.ca.gov.
- 2. Click on "E-NOTIFICATIONS" on the left navigation bar.
- 3. Enter your email address and first and last name.
- 4. Select the items that interest you by clicking on the envelope icon next to it.
- 5. Enter the verification code requested.
- 6. Click "Submit" and you're done! You will receive an email with a link to confirm your subscription. A link to change or cancel your subscription is included with each notification.

Your e-mail address is kept confidential and will not be sold or disclosed to third parties.

# **MAKE \$\$\$ RECYCLING**

ecycling diverts solid waste from our overly burdened landfills.

Another benefit of recycling is trading in your recyclables for a little extra *CASH...* 





# Edco Disposal will buy back your recyclable materials!

Located at 6700 Federal Boulevard in Lemon Grove, (619) 287-7555, Edco is open <u>seven</u> days a week from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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Trade in your CRV aluminum, glass and plastic containers for cash and help protect our environment at the same time!

# SHERIFF CORNER



# FREE VACATION CHECKS!

he Lemon Grove Sheriff's Senior Volunteers offers *free vacation* checks year-round, providing you with peace of mind knowing that your home is being checked by trained personnel.

### The Senior Volunteers will:

- ◆ Perform security inspections around your home Monday—Friday.
- ◆ Check your home for broken windows, open doors, garages, or other suspicious clues.
- Hide newspapers and packages in your side yard or back patio.
- ◆ Call for a Deputy's assistance if there is a problem
- Upon your return home you will receive a welcome home letter listing the dates your home was checked and the observations that were made.

To take advantage of this free service, complete, sign, and return a *Vacation Check Request form* to the Lemon Grove Sheriff's office. Download the form at:

http://www.sdsheriff.net/patrolstations/docs/vacation-check.pdf

# **Potpourri**

# 2015 LEMON GROVE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT WRAP-UP

# One day. One night. One community. One Fight.

he 10th Annual Lemon Grove Relay For Life, held May 16-17 at Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities did not disappoint! Family, friends, neighbors and co-workers who had been working hard individually and as organized teams to raise funds for the American Cancer Society came together at the event to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer; remember loved ones lost to the disease; and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

The event started off with a moving opening ceremony where Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom welcomed the crowd and read a proclamation declaring May 16-17 "American Cancer Society Relay For Life Cancer Awareness Days" in the City of Lemon Grove followed by a brave young woman who is still battling cancer who inspired the crowd with the story of her personal battle with the disease and message of strength and hope. The event featured a round-the-clock DJ, quality volunteer entertainment, food and drink to keep the walkers going, Kids' Kamp with fun and imaginative activities put on by the "Sweet Feet" team, watermelon eating and "Mr. Relay" contests, a memorable luminaria ceremony Saturday evening featuring a speaker who shared her story of her personal struggle with brain cancer, a spectacular fireworks show and so much more...





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### MANY THANKS ...

To our organizing committee members who worked hard to make the 2015 Relay a memorable event:

Stephanie Boyce, Event Chair; Faith Wilbur, Hospitality; Doug Wilbur, Logistics; Jennifer Mendoza and Kathie Bryan, Luminaria; Cindy Zutell, Team Recruitment; Brianna Zutell, Accounting; Randy Zutell and Ariana Stevens, Online; Marjie Cappiello, Publicity; Maureen and Samantha Capitano, Entertainment; Carole Ryan-Steinauer, Registration; Jerry Webber, American Cancer Society Staff Partner; and MANY event-day volunteers who pitched in wherever needed! Check upcoming issues of the Grove Gazette for information about next year's 11th Annual Relay For Life in 2016!

EVENT Sponsors

SILVER ..... Sungarden Terrace, Fireworks America

**BRONZE....** City of Lemon Grove, Doug Wilbur & Crew

ZE.... City of Lemon Grove, Doug Wilbur & Crew

**DONORS/ IN-KIND**A-Pot Rentals, Celebrate with Birds, Courtesy TV, EDCO
Disposal, Lemon Grove Kiwanis, Lemon Grove Fire, Express
Ambulance, Mt. Miguel JROTC, Saturn Electric

KIDS' KAMP

ACTIVITIES

Sponsored by

Sweet Feet

### And the bottom line: \$33,391

Raised by 23 teams and 167 participants for cancer research, advocacy, and patient services, bringing the total raised in the City of Lemon Grove to \$330,037 since becoming a Relay For Life city!



Find out how <u>YOU</u> can get involved in the 2016 Lemon Grove Relay For Life!

Contact 2015 Event Chair Stephanie Boyce at (619) 905.6797 or the City's American Cancer Society liaison Jerry Webber at (619) 209.1160 or jerry.webber@cancer.org.

# CANCER FACTS:

- One out of two men and one in three women will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetimes.
- Not using tobacco products, practicing good nutrition habits and being physically active can prevent two-thirds of cancer deaths.

# **Potpourri**

# LEMON GROVE SENIOR CENTER—Services, Activities, Classes

Senior Volunteer

Opportunities Available for participants

8235 Mt. Vernon Street, (619) 337-1425 Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

# **Senior Lunch Program**

Hot, nutritious meals



Make *reservations* by 12:00 Noon a week in advance.

Suggested donation \$3.50 age 60 and over.

### **Services**

Free Legal Services
Home Delivered Meals
Health Insurance Counseling
and Advocacy Program

## **Activities**

Tuesday Movies Monthly Entertainment Holiday Celebrations Bingo and Billiards

### **Exercise Classes**

Aerobic Conditioning Feeling Fit Club Hatha Yoga

### TENANT/LANDLORD SERVICES

SA San Diego County promotes fair housing practices, and provides free assistance to renters, land owners, and property managers.

CSA San Diego County provides many **FREE** services including:

- ♦ education to tenants
- education to land owners and property managers
- ♦ fair housing advocacy

CSA's housing specialists are equipped to answer many questions and provide additional resources to those in need.

Contact CSA San Diego County at (619) 444-5700 or visit <u>www.c4sa.org</u>.

### REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

# City of Lemon Grove STORMDRAIN Hotline

(619) 825-3827

Please report illegal dumping (paint, chemicals, etc.) into the City's stormdrain system.



What is stormwater pollution? Untreated urban runoff (pollutants like trash, pet waste, cigarette butts, motor oil or antifreeze, paint, pesticide and fertilizer runoff) that flows untreated through the storm drain system, eventually making its way into the ocean.

#### Find out more:

http://www.lemongrove.ca.gov/departments/development-services/stormwater



# l can't wait to be a Girl Scout volunteer.

Be the role model she'll always remember.

Help a girl for an hour, a day or a year!

Contact Dayana Silva-James at (619) 610-0771 or dsilva@sdgirlscouts.org

sdgirlscouts.org/volunteer

# **Environmental**

# REBATES FOR SAVING WATER



# COMMERCIAL & MULTIFAMILY MANDATORY RECYCLING

ffective July 1, 2012, per the State of California, all commercial businesses generating four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week and multifamily residential dwellings of five units or more *must provide recycling services* at their establishment.

If you are not sure this applies to your business or residential complex, call EDCO directly at (619) 287-7555 to help you make this determination and ensure you are in compliance with State Assembly Bill 341.

# INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL STORMWATER COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS



he City of Lemon Grove is required by the State of California to conduct annual stormwater compliance inspections of its local industrial and commercial businesses. The intent of the program is to ensure that pollutants are not being discharged by businesses into the City's stormdrains and ultimately nearby creeks.

Lemon Grove industrial and commercial businesses will receive a letter from the City detailing upcoming spring inspections.

### Businesses can follow best management practices by implementing these tips:

- ◆ Cover material stored outside with tarps
- ◆ Place liquids in secondary containment
- ♦ Keep trash in their bins with lids closed
- ◆ Dry sweep or mop, do not hose down outside areas
- ♦ Eliminate over-irrigation
- ♦ Educate staff and coworkers

# **Environmental**

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

By appointment only, City residents may drop-off Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) on selected dates at EDCO's La Mesa Station.



### It's easy to dispose of HHW safely...

Call **(619) 287-5696**, ext. **4270**, to make an appointment for an upcoming drop-off event. You may also request an appointment via email at <u>Imhhw@edcodisposal.com</u>. Be sure to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number.

Home Pickup Program—Only seniors (65+) and disabled residents are eligible to participate in the HHW/ Electronic Waste Home Pickup Program. (619) 287-5696, ext. 4270.



It is illegal to dispose of hazardous materials such as these in the trash!

### **HOUSEHOLD**

All Purpose Cleaners Ammonia, Disinfectants Drain Cleaners, Polishes Fluorescent Light Bulbs Household Batteries

### YARD AND GARDEN

Lighter Fluid
Pesticides
Paints, Stains, Thinners
Pool Chemicals
Fertilizers

### **GARAGE**

Motor Oil and Filters Car Batteries, Gear Oil Transmission Fluid Antifreeze, Gasoline Glues, Adhesives

# FREE HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING AND SHARPS DISPOSAL

or your convenience, the **EDCO Buyback Center**, located at 6700 Federal Boulevard, in Lemon Grove is <u>open</u> <u>every day of the week</u>, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for recycling household batteries and disposing of sharps waste. *Questions?..... Call EDCO at (619) 287-7555.* 

### Household Batteries — AAA, AA, C, D, AND 9V ONLY

Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment when batteries disposed of are improperly. Recycling batteries keeps heavy metals out of landfills and the air and saves resources because recovered plastic and metals can be used to make new batteries.



### Sharps Waste (Needles, lancets, or other devices used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications.)



Put sharps in approved sharps containers or in sturdy, puncture resistant, tightly sealed containers like bleach bottles, liquid detergent bottles or coffee cans with lids. **DO NOT STORE IN:** paper or plastic bags, glass containers, cardboard or coated paper containers, plastic bottles that have a CRV (CA Redemption Value) or milk jugs. **LOOSE SHARPS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** 

# FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING for Residents AND Businesses



EDCO Disposal, 6700 Federal Boulevard 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., (619) 287-7555

No appointment required





Electric typewriters
Fax machines
Hard drives
Laptops
Modems
Monitors
Pagers and PDA's
PC boards

Personal computers

Phone systems
Printers
Radios
Remote controls
Scanners
Servers

Stereos

Telephones

Televisions
Testing equipment
Transparency markers
Two-way radios

Typewriters
UPS's
VCR's

Tape players Word processors

\*\*\*\$27 fee.

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Planning/Building825-3805 Public Works825-3810 Engineering825-3811	5-1-1 Traffic, Transit, & Travel Information 511 www.511sd.com/
CITY HOTLINES  Code Enforcement	Bus-Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)
City's stormdrain system: www.lemongrove.ca.gov/departments/ development-services/stormwater	California Highway Patrol 1722 East Main St El Cajon, CA 92020 Business (non-emergency)
FIRE DEPARTMENT 7853 Central Avenue Business (non-emergency)825-3835	Emergency
Emergency	Crime Stoppers
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT 3240 Main Street Business (non-emergency)337-2000 Emergency	EDCO Disposal Corp
ANIMAL CONTROL  General info	Friends of the Library
OTHER La Mesa Swimming Pool Info667-1494	Lemon Grove School District
Historical Society	Poison Control Center-San Diego area1-800-222-1222 UC San Diego Medical Center 200 West Arbor Drive San Diego, CA 92103
MEETINGS	www.calpoison.com/



### **CITY COUNCIL**

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 3146 School Lane.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

4th Monday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 3146 School Lane. Senior Resource Center......740-4214 Referrals, health appraisals, Project Care, Vial of Life **Sharp Grossmont Hospital** 9000 Wakarusa St La Mesa, CA 91942 www.sharp.com/seniors/index.cfm